

who am i

"then king david went in and sat before the Lord; and he said: "who am i, o Lord God? and what is my house, that You have brought me this far?" 2 sam 7:18

have you ever asked that question of the Lord? have you ever stopped to think how truly blessed, loved and precious you are to our Lord, and wondered why? just think, even the hairs on your head are numbered.

the other day i read a story about a man who had spent most of his life in jail. he had lost his wife and children and had never got to see any of his grandchildren born. he lost his freedom in addition to all that and spent most of his life in jail.

but God! yes, our God has a way of turning everything around, for in losing his freedom, he found true freedom. not just a "jailhouse" conversion as happens with many because they were just sorry they got caught, but a true heartfelt conversion that stuck and resulted in a changed life. he said he just goes around smiling all the time now and can't stop. why? because he keeps asking himself, "who am i that God should choose me?"

you see, ephesians 1:4-5 says, "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."
eph 1:4-5

i won't get into predestination here because free will always prevails. what God did predestine was that everyone who would believe would be changed. that in itself does not limit the joy we should feel at being "chosen." God calls, we come, and then we are chosen; chosen for adoption as sons. when one takes the measure of faith God given to all, and acts upon it, the leap is from death to life. is that not enough to keep a perpetual smile on every face?

we now have the everlasting God on our side. "rejoice in the Lord always. again i will say, rejoice! let your gentleness be known to all men. the Lord is at hand. be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." phil 4:4-6

it is that one who recognizes their sinfulness and is truly thankful that asks the question - who am i? they stand in awe at the goodness and mercy of God. all their sins and destructive deeds, washed away to nothingness by the blood of Jesus. "for He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 cor 5:21

"therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." luke 7:47 i think the trouble is most of us don't realize how truly sinful we are. we are comparing ourselves among ourselves, some appearing righteous. that is not the standard. God is the standard and His holiness would

dissolve our sinful flesh in His presence. all sin not covered by the blood.

do you long to be that one who can run around with a smile on their face? you surely would if you were truly aware of the gift given to you. "if you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." john 4:10

"ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." matt 7:7 if you don't know Jesus Christ already, there is no better time than now. i know there are many who have been raised in and followed after other gods. i cannot condemn anyone but there is One who can and will.

the word of God and my faith tells me this: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. no one comes to the Father except through Me." john 14:6 that comes the very mouth of the One i am counting on to keep me through eternity, so i cannot believe any different.

i have many precious friends that deny Jesus as God or walk after other gods. my heartfelt prayer would be that each would simply ask Jesus to make the truth known to them. i believe He will do that. perhaps in a dream, perhaps in another way. i would ask, "what do you have to lose by asking?" you too can have a smile on your face!

as i close, just a special note here to my readers. i had thought the following week would be one of

introspection and silent contemplation, thus i was prepared to do a week of repeats. it seems the Holy Spirit had other ideas as He keeps bringing things to mind which my spirit longs to share. not that my wisdom is so great or my hearing so clear, but i must do and write as i feel i am led. so i keep shuffling the repeats back to a further time and will continue to do so as long as the Spirit leads. just glean whatever you may find useful from anything and use it for our God's glory. now is the time to do whatever we hope to do. maranatha!